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1. WOP (Military Border Guard) personnel in Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) wear naval uniforms with the inscription "Wojsko Ochrony Pogranicza" on their caps instead of "Marynarka Wojenna", and they have green cap bands, lanyards, and shoulder boards.
2. There are four WOP units in Swinoujscie. They are located as follows:
 - a. On Ulica Swierczewskiego. This unit controls all travellers entering or leaving the country, including visitors to Swinoujscie. The ferry KOPERNIK also comes under the control of this unit.
 - b. On Ulica Poznanska, concerned exclusively with guarding a section of the German-Polish frontier.
 - c. In a house near the Baltyk cinema and the Hotel Continental. This unit guards a section of the coast.
 - d. In Warszow, about 250 to 300 meters east of the eastern point of the harbor where the regular harbor ferry docks and not far from Odra station. The WOP building is near the main road to Miedzzydroje (Misdroy). This unit controls all vehicles and pedestrians entering or leaving Swinoujscie. Anyone not living permanently in Swinoujscie who wishes to visit the town must obtain a special permit from the WOP or UB (Security Police). Previously these permits could be obtained after arrival at Swinoujscie, but for some months past it has been necessary for travellers to obtain them before leaving their place of residence.
3. The strongest of the four units is the one on Ul. Swierczewskiego which consists of 120 to 150 men. The total number of WOP personnel in Swinoujscie is about 340 to 350 men.

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